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Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 99F-4372]

National Fisheries Institute and Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry; Filing of

Food Additive Petition

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that the National Fisheries Institute and the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry have filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of approved sources of ionizing radiation for the control of <u>Vibrio</u> and other foodborne pathogens in fresh or frozen molluscan shellfish.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (sec. 409(b)(5) (21 U.S.C. 348(b)(5))), notice is given that a food additive petition (FAP 9M4682) has been filed by the National Fisheries Institute, 1901 North Fort Myer Drive, Arlington, VA 22209 and the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, P.O. Box 3334, Baton Rouge, LA 70821. The petition proposes that the food additive regulations in part 179 Irradiation in the Production, Processing, and Handling of Food (21 CFR part 179) be amended to provide for the safe use of approved sources of ionizing radiation for the control of <u>Vibrio</u> and other foodborne pathogens in fresh or frozen molluscan shellfish.

The agency has determined under 21 CFR 25.32(j) that this action is of a type that does not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required.

Dated:

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